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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (withdrawn): An anti-adhesion membrane comprising a biodegradable film

having a honeycomb structure.

2. (withdrawn): The anti-adhesion membrane according to claim 1, which is

characterized in that the honeycomb structure has a mean void inner diameter of not more than

20 μm.

3. (withdrawn): The anti-adhesion membrane according to claim 1 or 2, which is

characterized in that only one surface of the film has the honeycomb structure.

4. (original): A biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure and comprising a

biodegradable polymer and a surfactant, which is characterized in that said surfactant is a

phospholipid.

5. (original): The biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure according to

claim 4, wherein said biodegradable polymer is a biodegradable aliphatic polyester and/or a

biodegradable aliphatic polycarbonate.

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6. (original): The biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure according to claim 5, wherein said biodegradable aliphatic polyester is at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of biodegradable aliphatic polyesters including polylactic acid, a polylactic acid-polyglycolic acid copolymer, polyhydroxybutyric acid, polycaprolactone, polyethylene adipate, and polybutylene adipate.

- 7. (original): The biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure according to claim 5, wherein said biodegradable aliphatic polycarbonate is at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of polybutylene carbonate and polyethylene carbonate.
- 8. (original): The biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure according to any one of claims 4 to 6, which is characterized in that said biodegradable polymer is polylactic acid or a lactic acid-glycolic acid coplymer.
- 9. (currently amended): The biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure according to claim 4, wherein said phospholipid is selected from the group consisting of phosphatidyl ethanolamine, phosphatidyl choline, phosphatidyl serine, and phosphatidyl glycerol.
- 10. (previously presented): The biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure according to claim 4, which is characterized in that said phospholipid is L- $\alpha$ -phosphatidyl ethanolamine.

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11. (original): The biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure according to claim 10, which is characterized in that said phospholipid is L- $\alpha$ -phosphatidyl ethanolamine dioleoyl.

- 12. (original): The biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure according to claim 4, which is characterized in that a composition ratio of said biodegradable polymer to said phospholipid is from 1/1 to 1,000/1.
- 13. (withdrawn): An anti-adhesion membrane comprising the biodegradable film according to claim 4 or 5.
- 14. (withdrawn): A production process of the anti-adhesion membrane according to claim 1, which is characterized by using a biodegradable polymer film having a honeycomb structure as obtained by casting an organic solvent solution of a biodegradable polymer on a substrate in the atmosphere of a relative humidity of from 50 to 95 %, gradually transpiring said organic solvent and simultaneously condensing it on the surface of said cast liquid, and evaporating fine water droplets as generated by said condensation.
- 15. (withdrawn): A production process of a biodegradable film according to claim 4, which is obtained by casting an organic solvent solution of a biodegradable polymer on a substrate in the atmosphere of a relative humidity of from 50 to 95 %, gradually transpiring said organic solvent and simultaneously condensing it on the surface of said cast liquid, and evaporating fine water droplets as generated by said condensation.

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16. (withdrawn): The production process of a biodegradable film according to claim 15, wherein said biodegradable polymer is a biodegradable aliphatic polyester.

- 17. (withdrawn): The production process of a biodegradable film according to claim 15, wherein said phospholipid is selected from the group consisting of phosphatidyl ethanolamine, phosphatidyl choline, phosphatidyl serine, phosphatidyl glycerol, and derivatives thereof.
- 18. (withdrawn): The production process of a biodegradable film according to claim 17, which is characterized in that said phospholipid is L-α-phosphatidyl ethanolamine.
- 19. (new): The biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure according to claim4, wherein a void inner diameter of the honeycomb structure is from 0.1 to 20 μm.